

SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2

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Discussion Items

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6. Central Valley Flood Protection Board

Background. Legislation was enacted in 2007, (AB 5 and SB 17) that renamed the Reclamation Board the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. The Board is required to act independently of the Department of Water Resources and continue to exercise all of its powers, duties, purposes, responsibilities, and jurisdiction. The membership of the Board increased from seven to nine members, seven being appointed by the Governor and subject to Senate confirmation, and two members serving as non-voting ex officio members. Salary of the seven appointed members will be equivalent to the members of the Air Resources Board. Furthermore, AB 162 of 2007, requires the Board to review revised safety elements of local governments' general plans prior to the adoption or amended to the safety element.

Governor's Budget. The Governor's budget proposes \$1.8 million from General Fund for state operations in support of the establishment of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board to replace the Reclamation Board effective January 1, 2008. This proposal also supports Board review and comment on local agency general plan safety elements.

Staff Recommendation. Staff recommends that the Subcommittee reject the budget proposal due to the state's fiscal emergency and recommends postponing the enacted legislation through trailer bill language.